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BANGKOK FOR MEADOWS FROM BROWN

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REF: (A) STATE 235583; (B) BANGKOK 17224 (C) MELBOURNE 1254

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRODDING JUST RECEIVED FROM PYMAN
TEXT OF LETTER BEING SENT IN REPLY TO
MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 12. SINCE NOV 5 A HOLIDAY IN MELBOURNE,
FOLLOWING TEXT DICTATED OVER TELEPHONE. APPEARS TO REPRESENT
A QUALIFIED ACCEPTANCE TO POINT I HAVE BEEN MAKING THAT ANY
MEETING IS BETTER THAN NONE.

2. TEXT BEGINS: DEAR MR. BROWN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
OF 30 OCTOBER IN WHICH YOU MENTION THE PROPOSAL THAT JOHN
MEADOWS, ACCOMPANIES BY TWO OTHER OFFICIALS, SHOULD VISIT US
IN AUSTRALIA DURING THE WEEK OF 11 NOVEMBER, PREFERABLY
11 AND 12 NOVEMBER "TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION BEGUN IN
MONTREAL".

AS IS IMPLIED IN YOUR FIRST PARAGRAPH, WE ARE EXPECTING,
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES AGREED UPON AT THE MONTREAL

TALKS, THAT WE SHALL RECEIVE FROM YOUR AUTHORITIES AN ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL APPROVED BY OUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THOSE TALKS. I NOTE THAT THIS MATERIAL IS LIKELY TO BE SENT FORWARD TO US VERY SHORTLY. LIKEWISE, WE HAVE BEEN SETTING IN TRAIN A REVIEW OF THE COMMENTS WHICH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT MONTREAL MADE.

YOU WILL RECALL ALSO THAT THE PRESS RELEASE WHICH WAS ISSUED AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS CONCLUDED REFERRED IN ITS FINAL PARAGRAPH TO OUR AGREEMENT TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE "AFTER THE INFORMATION EXCHANGED AT AND SUBSEQUENT TO THIS SESSION HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS".

YOUR AUTHORITIES WILL FULLY APPRECIATE THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE TIME FOR REVIEW AND THAT, HAVING REGARD TO THE COMPLEXITY AND DIFFICULTY OF THE SUBJECT, IT WILL BE SOME TIME AFTER THE RECEIPT OF YOUR AUTHORITIES COMMENTS AND THE COMPLETION OF OUR OWN STUDIES BEFORE IT COULD BE SAID THAT THE STAGE FOR RESUMPTION OF DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN REACHED.

WITH THIS BACKGROUND YOUR AUTHORITIES WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO PROSPECT THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE ANY POSITIVE RESPONSES DURING THE PROPOSED VISIT BY MR. MEADOWS TO THE UNITED STATES COMMENTS AND PROPOSALS AS EXPOUNDED AT THE MONTREAL MEETING AND NO DOUBT DEVELOPED IN THE ANALYSIS WHICH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS SENDING TO US.

IT MAY BE THAT MR. MEADOWS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM WILL WISH TO EXPLAIN AND ELABORATE UPON THE COMMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, FOR OUR PART BE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO ANY ORAL PRESENTATION OF THIS KIND DEVELOPING THE WRITTEN COMMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IF YOUR AUTHORITIES HAVE IT IN MIND THAT THIS IS WHAT THE VISITING OFFICIALS SHOULD DO.

ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS IS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. MEADOWS' LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEAM ON 11 AND/OR 12 NOVEMBER.

I MUST SAY IN CONCLUSION THAT WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR AUTHORITIES TO ANSWER THE QUESTION WHETHER THERE WOULD BE VALUE, HAVING REGARD TO THE FACTORS MENTIONED IN THE THIRD PARAGRAPH OF YOUR LETTER, IN PROCEEDING WITH THE TALKS ON THE ABOVE BASIS.

IF YOUR RESPONSE IS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THEN I SHOULD BE GLAD TO FIX THE PRECISE TIMING AND THE LOCATION OF THE DISCUSSIONS. SINCERELY, (SIGNED) R.D. PHILLIPS, DEPUTY SECRETARY-AIR TRANSPORT GROUP".

3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PARAGRAPH THREE MENTIONED IN PHILLIPS' LETTER IS PARAPHRASE FROM REFTEL C: "MY GOVERNMENT WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF THIS MEETING, ALBEIT REQUESTED ON A SOMEWHAT SHORT NOTICE, COULD TAKE PLACE BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE PUBLIC EXPOSURE OF THIS PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ADVERTISEMENTS IN LEADING US NEWSPAPERS BY CERTAIN AIRLINE EMPLOYEES. THE DANGER EXISTS THAT IF IT APPEARS THAT THE PROBLEM IS BEING NEGLECTED, THIS COULD HELP PROMOTE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH OVERALL FOREIGN PREFERENTIAL PRACTICES WHICH WOULD FURTHER COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO FIND A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION BY NEGOTIATION. YOU MIGHT RECALL THAT SUCH LEGISLATION WAS PASSED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE BY A 72-2 VOTE AND WAS REPORTED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE THE CONGRESS RECESSED FOR THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE IT MAY BE VERY IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING WHAT SORT OF LEGISLATION MAY EVENTUALLY EMERGE TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF A CONTINUING DIALOGUE AND AN INDICATION OF SOME PROGRESS TOWARD A GREATER UNDERSTANDING, EVEN IF A SOLUTION CANNOT BE FOUND IMMEDIATELY".
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